

THE MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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Commission Releases Final Report of Military Compensation Programs

Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission Final Report

The Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission released 15 recommendations to modernize the Uniformed Services' compensation and benefit programs today, 29 January 2015. These recommendations create a compensations package that ensures the long-term success of the All-Volunteer Force, enables the quality of life for members of the Uniformed Services, and improves the fiscal sustainability of the compensation and retirement systems.

Our All-Volunteer Force is without peer. This fact has been proven during the last 42 years and decisively reinforced during the last 13 years of war. It is our obligation to ensure the Services have the proper resources to support our Service members. Those resources include a valued compensation system that is relevant to contemporary Service members and that is operated in a modern and efficient manner. We are unanimous in our belief that our recommendations strengthen the foundation of the All-Volunteer Force and ensure our national security, now and into the future.

Our recommendations sustain the All-Volunteer Force by maintaining or increasing the overall value of the compensation and benefit system for Service members and their families. They also provide additional options for Service personnel managers to design and manage a balanced force. Our recommendations represent a holistic package of reforms that modernize the structure of compensation programs, rather than adjust the level of benefits delivered to the Service members. This approach creates an effective and efficient compensation and benefit system that saves the Government, after full implementation, more than \$12 billion dollars annually, while sustaining the overall value of compensation and benefits of those who serve, those who have served, and the families that support them.

The Commission wishes to thank all who have contributed to this Final Report. It is a great honor to be part of the public discussion regarding how we, as a grateful nation, ensure Service members and their families benefit from a modern and relevant compensation system.

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